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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: Petition of Verizon New England Inc. for Arbitration; D.T.E. 04-33

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

As a result of further negotiations following submission of the proposed conforming Amendment in this proceeding on October 7, 2005, the Parties have resolved a number of issues that the October 7 Amendment showed as being in dispute. Accordingly, a revised Amendment reflecting resolution of those issues is enclosed herewith for filing on behalf of Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts, AT&T Communications of New England, Inc. and Teleport Communications Boston, Inc., Conversent Communications of Massachusetts, Inc., DSLnet Communications, LLC, RCN-BecoCom LLC, RCN Telecom Services of Massachusetts, Inc. and the Competitive Carrier Group ("the Parties").¹

While the Parties have been able to narrow the issues in dispute, some issues remain open. Thus, language in the revised Amendment on which the Parties have agreed is shown in regular type. Where the parties have been unable to agree, language proposed by Verizon MA **[is in brackets and boldface]** while language proposed by one or more CLECs *[is in brackets, boldface and italics and is underlined]*.² This revised Amendment is intended to implement the rulings set forth in the Department's July 14, 2005 Arbitration Order, and is subject to any further

¹ The Competitive Carrier Group includes: A.R.C. Networks Inc. d/b/a InfoHighway Communications Corporation; Broadview Networks Inc. and Broadview NP Acquisition Corp.; Cleartel Telecommunications, Inc. f/k/a Essex Acquisition Corp.; DIECA Communications Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company; DSCI Corp., IDT America Corp.; KMC Telecom V, Inc.; and XO Communications Services, Inc. (formerly XO Massachusetts, Inc. and Allegiance Telecom of Massachusetts, Inc.).

² The Parties have agreed to the terms of the "Whereas" clauses of the revised Amendment. The boldface language in that section consists of instructions for customizing the Amendment to particular interconnection agreements and does not indicate a dispute as to wording.

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revisions that may be required after the Department decides the issues that have been submitted for reconsideration or clarification.

The Parties continue to believe that briefs would assist the Department in resolving the remaining disputes over contract language. The Parties therefore propose to file briefs within two weeks of notification from the Department that it wishes to see briefs, and to file reply briefs within a week thereafter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Moore", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexander W. Moore

Enclosure

cc: Service List